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In response to the Office action dated October 8, 2008, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

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